
GOVERNOR RELL'S VETOES HURT CONNECTICUT.

RELL LACKS LEADERSHIP ON HEALTH CARE REFORM

CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP & SUSTINET PLANS

- These comprehensive reforms follow Obama's lead by creating new public insurance options to expand health care access while lowering costs for Connecticut businesses and families. (HB 6582 & HB 6600)

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR STATE CAPITOL JANITORS

- Extending insurance coverage to the families of custodians working in state buildings saves money by supplementing the private coverage they have through their employer instead of forcing them onto a fully state-funded plan. (HB 6502)

IMPORTANT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE GUARANTEES

- Requiring health insurance plans to cover preventive screenings and medical devices, including colonoscopies, prosthetics, hearing aids and wigs. (HB 5021)

STOP INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM CANCELLING COVERAGE

- Stricter limits on the ability of an insurer to cancel short-term health insurance policies without prior approval from the Insurance Department. (HB 6531)

PUBLICLY POSTING NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION IN RESTAURANTS

- Requiring calorie content information to be posted publicly in certain national chain restaurants that already post this information in other states. (SB 1080)
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GOVERNOR RELL'S BUDGET CUTS TARGET HEALTH CARE.

RELL'S CUTS HURT RESIDENTS THAT NEED CARE

CUT DESCRIPTION	REDUCED FUNDING OVER BIENNIUM
Eliminates all non-emergency dental care for adults on SAGA and Medicaid	\$52.6 million
Establishes co-pays for Medicaid patients	\$19 million
Implements a stricter definition of Medical Necessity to restrict access to Medicaid services	\$13.5 million
Increases premiums for families with children on HUSKY B	\$1.6 million
Decreases funding for nursing home administration	\$20 million
Cuts nursing home interim rates	\$20 million
Closes intake for the state-funded Connecticut Homecare Program for Elders	\$19 million
Eliminates vision and non-emergency medical transportation for people on SAGA	\$620,000
Eliminates annual social security increases to offset supplemental assistance costs	\$4 million
Cuts the Children's Health Council account	\$440,000
Reduces the Community and Social Services block grant, which, among other things, funds teen pregnancy prevention programming	\$20 million
Cuts funding for school-based health clinics	\$3 million
Reduces funding for vocational and social rehabilitation services for people with mental illnesses	\$4.4 million
Closes Cedarcrest Hospital, which provides mental health and substance abuse services	\$9 million